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The Honorable Harry Reid
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Reid:

Thank you for your letter to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Shaun Donovan and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy about the EPA rule titled, *Renewables Enhancement and Growth Support*. Director Donovan and Administrator McCarthy asked me to respond on their behalf. Your letter expressed support for a pathway for bio-intermediates to qualify for renewable identification numbers (RINs) if the refining processes occur at two separately owned facilities.

On May 10, 2016, EPA submitted a draft of its proposed rule to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA). OIRA is conducting a review of this rule under Executive Orders 12866 and 13563. We will take careful note of your interest in this rulemaking and consider your comments and concerns.

Thank you again for sharing your important perspective on this rulemaking. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact OMB's Legislative Affairs office at (202) 395-4790.

Sincerely,

Howard Shelanski
Administrator
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

cc: The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator, EPA

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